Fort Erie Times

Thursday, March 24, 2016





Egg hunts Friday and Saturday in Fort Erie



Dog lover planning social group





The second annual Bridgeburg Bunny Hop was held Saturday, with a party at the former Jarvis Street fire hall that included face-painting and treats. One-year-old Willem Miller of Fort Erie was fascinated by the Easter Bunny, who was also in attendance. For more photos see Page 4.

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Port Colborne man dies in Hwy. 3 crash

FRANKI IKEMAN Fort Erie at about 1:15 a.m. Postmedia Network According to the OPP.

He was a very kind-

hearted person to say the

least," said cousin Eric Olm.

"He'd do anything for any-

one when asked, that's an

for being a talkative man.

Ontario Provincial Police

in Nlagara are investigating the crash that happened in

understatement." He said his cousin was

Olm's vehicle was travel-A 34-year-old Port Colling towards Port Colborne borne man who was willing west of Point Abino Road. to do anything for others has when for unknown reasons died as a result of a singlethe driver lost control of his vehicle crash on Highway 3 vehicle early Saturday.

The vehicle began to roll Justin Olm is being over. Olm, the only person in remembered as a hard-workthe vehicle, was ejected onto ing and kind-hearted man. the mad

Some time later, another westbound vehicle approached the collision

scene and struck him as he lied on the road. Highway 3 was closed for several hours for the investi-

known for his work ethic and gation. Police ask anyone with "He talked a lot, he's information, or who may known as very talkative have witnessed the collision, good talkative - oh man, to call them at 905-356-1311. he always had something to Funeral details for Olm

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Fort Eric firefighters were called out to a fire at an abandoned, former gold-plating factory on Courtwright Street at middle. abpout 4 p.m. Saturday.

Fire Chief Larry Coplen said about 25 firefighters were called to put out the fire, which was largely contained to an office

Courtwright Street

on Saturday.

ing, which also at one time made fishing lures. He said the building has two storeys at either end, with a one-storey section in the He said it's "really difficult" to quantify the damage, but added it's likely about \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Due to the fact the

contents within the build-

area, and mainly damaged has been abandoned for a number of years, the fire is being treated as suspi-

cious, said Coplen. He said the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal was consulted, but won't be attending the scene. The fire department continues to investigate the incident.

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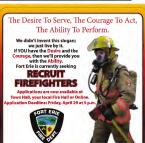






Fort Erie firefighters battle a blaze at an abandoned, former gold-plating factory on Courtwright Street on Saturday.





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Bridgeburg Bunny Hop lots of fun for kids



Olaf and the Easter Bunny dropped in to visit the kids attending the second annual Bridgeburg Bunny Hop, which included an egg hunt and some treats from local businesses.



MINE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Three-year-old Dylan Cirasolo and Janet Andrey of Fort Erie were delighted with the treats they found at the Bridgeburg Bunny Hop.



MIKE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERRETIVE
Two-year-old Willow LeMay of Fort Erie enjoys popcorn at
the former fire station where the second annual Bridgeburg
Bunny Hop was held Saturday.



Annie the Clown was a popular attraction at the Bridgeburg Bunny Hop, with a party at the former Jarvis Street fire hall that included face-painting and treats for kids. Four-year-old Marian Barrera shows off her balloon animal.

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Point of View

Get out and enjoy Niagara's rec trails

It's spring, finally, and for all those but the most hardy winter enthusiasts, it means most of us will be spending more time enjoying the outdoors.

We see it already, on the trails and bicycle paths through and around town - people are again out walking, hiking and cycling.

During the recent warm spell, motorcycles made their seasonal come-back, their low, guttural rumble and roar a reminder to drivers be aware and cautious.

But cyclists and e-bikes are quiet, not necessarily announcing their presence, so we all have to be aware of the etiquette of sharing our recreational trails.

And since we in Niagara are fortunate to have many recreational trails to enjoy, a little reminder of the courtesies of trailsharing seems timely.

Of course the rules are different according to whether a cyclist, ebike or even roller-blader is on a trail or road, where traffic laws prevail, but the ultimate goal, wherever we are riding or walking, is safety and respect for others.

On a trail, that means keeping to the right and passing on the left, while alerting those you are passing with a bell or a shout-out.

Pedestrians often seem on a different planet as they walk enjoying the peaceful, quiet landscape, tuning out the world around them. They may be walking in couples, holding hands and chatting they may have a dog, hopefully on a leash but that can never-the-less be easily distracted by some seen tand dart off- and these days, if walking alone, pedestrians almost all have ear buds and are listening to music as they stroll. They need to be alerted to cyclists and roller-bladers who might be about to pass them. A bleycle bell is not that loud - a cyclist's shout to tell someone they're passing on the left should always be amoretained.

An extra courtesy to pedestrians is letting them know if you're a lead cyclist in a group of two or more - it tells them what to expect.

Pedestrians too have a responsibility to be cautious and respectful-don't block the path, and be careful of any sudden movement such as pointing or moving to the other side of the path without checking over your shoulder-you could have a cyclist on your beels without realizing it. And when a cyclist announces that he or she is passing on the left it seems polifie- and an encoungement that the shout is welcome: to save thank you.

Both pedestrians and cyclists can present a dangerous situation when they block the path, either because they're travelling in groups, or because they have stopped to chat or admire something on the side of the trial. Best to move right off the path.

It seems an unwritten rule, as many who frequent recreational trails will recognize, that everything intensects at once - you're walking along alone, haven't seen anyone for ages, when all of a sudden you spy a family with a dog and kids walking toward you and sense a bike or roller-blader coming up behind you. You just know everyone is going to meet at the same time. Don't assume others will clear the path - move off it and do your part to create a safe situation, and hope others will do the same.

And be extra cautious of idids on bibles, for their sakes and well as yours. Kids, it seems, have a tendency to be distracted when they see someone on the path, and especially with the young ones, they tend to ride in the direction they? re looking. If you see a child coming toward you on a bible, assume they are going to head right for you and be prepared to get out of their way. One more request for respect, and that's to the dop-walkers.

We all love to see dogs allowed to enjoy nature as they should, running leash-free, wagging their tails and greeting all they meet. But most of us who use recreational trails see that situation fraught with danger for all - pedestrian, cyclist and dog. Best to keep dogs on a leash - municipal laws about does on leashes exist for a reason - and close to you on recreational trails. Stick to the leash-free park or, if vou're lucky, private property where you know your dog is welcome and safe to run with abandon.

And please, pick up any mess your dog may leave behind.

As we put away our winter coats and boots and enjoy the springlike weather, let's get out and enjoy our recreational trails, and by showing some common sense and respect, allow others to safely enjoy them too.

Do you remember?





Enjoy the outdoors with a friend

Foss of Sherkston and I walked the trails of the Stevensville Conservation Park in late December several years

We passed by various oaks, red, white and two large Burr oaks. They all had one thing in common. There were varying numbers of leaves still on each of their branches. A LESSON FROM THE OAK TREE. Have you ever noticed that in late fall and winter some oak trees retain crisp, dry leaves long after maples, the elms and the walnuts have become bare skeletons? When we return to the Stevensville site in spring we will find that the strong winter winds and the early spring rains have not stripped the oak branches completely. This is what



wonderful happens. Tiny little oak leaf buds start appearing at the tips of the twigs, pushing off the dried remnants of the preceding season. What the winds and rains could not do without, the forces of new life do from

within: Now you don't have to wait to spring in order to make new resolutions for 2016. We all know that at times old habits, that are not essentially good for us, cling to our lives with the same tenacity as those old oak leaves. The message is: "The best way to get rid of a bad babit is to start a good habit." The writer

strength to push off our old habits." That's good advice. The old memory failed me. George identified some wild barley grass, I thought that it might be rve grass but my book on grasses failed to verify which of us was right. Looks like we will have to return again. I should have taken a sample home for study. He mentioned the pickerel pond again. I told him that the lagoon to our left was stocked with fish in

on to where the pickerel hatchery was. We returned and walked along the edge of the creek and crossed the bridge where the Black Creek gets one of its two main sources. This one branch had its head water from Humberstone Marsh in Port Colborne, What? Check it out

May, I still hadn't caught

We turned right and took the Inner Trail. This is a pleasant walk high on the bank. Below us and to our

right, easily seen through the leafless trees was the Creek Trail following the meandering of Black Creek, The two of us stirred up the debris under a large Burr Oak, As hard as we looked we found no acorns with the unique "burr" edges. We reached the junction of the three Trails, the Outer, Inner. and Creek, Along the way in this area someone had tied pieces of wool to the branches of trees in a

haphazard fashion. Why? There is a little bench here and there once was a bird feeding station. Again chickadees flitted in the underbrush and sang their familiar song. We headed north along the outer trail. Someone had cut back the branches of encroaching evergreens. At first we thought someone had entered the Conservation area for some Christmas trees Not.

We arrived back at the

at the Centennial branch.

Participants will learn how

to set up the printer, work



A map of Stevensville Conservation Area

the hilly Cline Nature trail

died too soon. back to the car. Autumn Take some time to olive and high bush cranvisit the Stevensville berry bushes lined the Conservation Authority creek here. A feeder station Park, Take along a friend, I at the tree bad plenty of am sure that once you enjoy chickadees and some Slate the peacefulness of the setcoloured juncos. Note: ting you will return again. George and I did take

> ming too. All branches of the Fort

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover

for great summer program-

also says, "Rely on God little bridge and followed walks. Sadly, George Foss progresses, something Spotlight, rated 14A, next week's movie showing at library

Spotlight, a searing film about a critical, painful time in the lives of individuals, a city and a church, will be screened at the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Tuesday afternoon, March 29 at 2 p.m., with an encore presentation at the Centennial branch on Thursday evening, March

I read in a devotional

booklet,"As springtime





abuse by Roman Catholic priests during the second half of the 20th century. This Oscar winning movie (Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay) features Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Bachel McAdams and Liev Schreiber, and is rated 14A. Tonight's movie at the Centennial branch is the Robert DeNiro, Anne Hathaway comedy Intern, about a retired executive who brings his wealth of experience to an online fashion site. The film begins at 6:30 p.m.

Are you interested in creating with the library's 3D printer? If you are. and you are 16 years of age or over, please register for a one hour 3D printing primer being held Tuesday, April 5, starting at 2 p.m.

with 3D models and print their own designs. Those interested should contact Michael Schell at mschell@ fepl.ca, or call 905-871-2546. ext. 301. Space is limited to five participants, but more dates will be added if interest is shown.

If your income is low and our tax situation is simple, there are a few opportunities left to have a volunteer trained by Canada Revenue prepare your return for you

Spaces are still available at clinics being held April 2 and 8 at the Centennial branch, and April 11 at Crystal Ridge branch. Be sure to call for an appoint-

some other good nature

ment as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who brought children or grandchildren to the March break events at the library. More than 870 people in total attended six programs, four workshops and three movie screenings, which

made their break a time of

more fun, more excitement

and more learning. Watch

Erie Public Library will be closed on Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28 for the Easter holiday. Branches will be open for regular hours on Saturday, March 26. Visit the library online anytime at www. fepl.ca to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, music and movies

Amy Roehuck is the com munity services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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Health Corner

CAVITY FREE FOR LIFE?

Port Three

In previous issues, the topic of discussion has been tooth decay and its causes. We also described there law commonwels to the process of tooth docay. The first of these keys is caylor-causing bacteria. and the second key is super. We have learned that if you feed the cavelycausing bactura with suger, they will est the super and release factic coop, which will create holes. These holes are what we call couldes.

Now let's talk about the third and final

Third Key - Plague

Please is the building of bacteria mixed with a number of substances that are stacked to the torth surface. Think of the plaque as a housing complex for the resiliurouses horizon in refer for . Barbaria Predict these cavity-causing bacteria to create . Do not share spoons with intents or holes in our teeth, they must stay close enough to the tooth surface to cause work locether to form housings that allows them to remain in close proximity to teeth. We call these complexes plaque. Here is a disgram to summerize the



avoid mouth-to-mouth contact for at

least two wars after the appearance of their first tooth (This is usually around 6 damage. To accomplish this, bectoria months old, This will allow other noncavity causing bacteria to prov first so that there won't be enough room for the bad bactaria to sneak in. . Controlling acidity in the mouth by using mouth rinees specially formulated for thi purpose. One product that I recommend is called Can-Free, Ask your destist or search for it owine These bacteria leed to interaction of the three keys of tooth

terrice contributer states confiden which can be achieved with mouth ringes Bir Cari, from

· Chow gurns containing Xylfiol. Xylfiol is a sugar-like substance that is taken up by cavity-caseing besterla. However, because the bacteria cannel utilize this super-like substance hardwist death in

the result.

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Plaque Control . Brush at least two times a day for two

· Use an electric toothbrush . Floss delly (Try flossing while watching

TV it's a result habit to privat) . Visit your dentist at least tince a year.

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Fort Frie Times

The Easter Bunny is hopping her way to Fort Erie for some fun and excitement this week-

end. The fun will begin at the Stevensville Garden Gallery at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 25. Egg hunters ages eight and under should keep their eyes peeled for golden eggs. The lucky

finders of the golden eggs will receive a prize. Donations for the food bank at Community Outreach Pro-

gram Erie are appreciated. The fun continues at United Empire Loyalist Park that same day where the Stevensville Kinettes will host their annual egg hunt for children 12 and

under at 11 a.m. Kinettes member Linda Housser said youngsters should look for "special eggs" because

they will have special prizes

Volunteers will serve free drinks and hot dogs for fami-

Crystal Beach Public School will host its final egg hunt on Saturday, March 26 for children 12 and under beginning at 10

The Ridgeway Business Improvement Association is inviting everyone to the Village Square for an egg hunt for children ages 12 and under on Saturday, March 26 beginning at noon

Youngsters will have a chance to meet the Easter Bunny herself and take photos. There will also be plenty of activities including cookie decorating, egg decorating and more. Jesse Boles, event co-ordina-

tor for the Ridgeway BIA, said Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 will open its doors from 8 a.m. to noon for its indoor farmers' market, Children will want to stop by to take photos

with live rabbits. "The Easter Bunny will also stop at the market before the big hunt," Boles said.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Friday, March 25 Stevensville Garden Gallery: children eight and under 9 a m Stevensville Kinettes: Children 12 and under, United Empire Loyalist Park, 2700 Ott

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Treasures galore at indoor garage sale

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Find all sorts of treasures at the Black Creek Stevensville Lions annual indoor garage

Lion member Ann-Marie Noyes said the garage sale, which will take place Saturday, April 9 between 9 a.m. and

1 p.m., will offer something for everyone. "We'll have small appliances, movies, books, clothing, children's toys, pictures, house wares and other things like purses."

Ted Watts, president of the of the Lions club, said proceeds from the sale will go toward maintenance costs at Camp Wetaskiwin in St. Catharines, where summer camps and the service organization's youth exchange program are held.

"The camp is used by boy scouts but a lot of community organizations use it too," Watts explained. "Our youth exchange program takes place at Camp Wetaskiwin. Last year, we had 18 kids representing 16 different countries stay there.

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The Black Creek Stevensville Lions invite the community to its fundraising garage sale on April 9 at the Black Creek Community Centre in Stevensville. From left are Ann-Marie Noyes, Ruth Watts, Flo Fraser, Elsie Smith and Ted Watts

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WHAT: The Lions Club is hosting an indoor garage sale WHEN: Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. WHERE: The Black Creek

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Woman with pup hopes to start a dog club in Fort Erie

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Marion Figueroa knows how important it is for her dog to socialize and play with other canines That's why the Ridgeway resident would like to see

a social dog group for pet owners and pooches form in greater Fort Erie. Figueroa learned the importance of teaching a dog obedience through training and socialization when she was a young girl. When she was 10 years old, her father gave her a dog she called Lassie. Under her father's guidance, she helped her

dog become a "loving, obedient collie" and a canine companion. Over the years, Figueroa, who grew up in Scotland,

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has owned several dogs and she has cherished each and every relationship she shared with these animals Newly retired, Figueroa

said she was ready for a puppy, a labradoodle named

"Adopting a dog is a big responsibility. It's a lot like adopting a child because it's a big responsibility and time

commitment when rearing

The club would also give

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members "an opportunity to share their knowledge with other caring dog owners." From time to time, a guest speaker may be invited

a pup," New to Ridgeway,

Figueroa said the community

She would like to see

members meet at the dog

park in Sugar Bowl Park "for

some group fun and exer-

is filled with dog owners.

to give some professional advice on dog training, teething and health issues. Figueroa said. Also, being a member of

a club is a great way to meet some nice folks," she added. She also dreams of a second dog park in Ridgeway, which she said she learned had been considered by the Town of Fort Erie Parks and Recreation Department several years ago.

"It would be great if we did have a park (in Ridgeway) in the near future as there are hundreds of dog walkers in Ridgeway," she said.

Anyone who is interested in forming a dog club is asked to call Figueroa at 289-876-9182.

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Marion Figueroa knows how important it is for her labradoodle Sam to socialize and play with other canines That's why she wants to start a social group for dogs and their

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Dave Herr, Jack Prybylski, Keith Spurlock, Kacy Dolan, Ryan Gentner, Jim Mauck, Tom Scime, Kenny Thomasula and Rick Johnston of The Chicago Authority will perform at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway on April 1.





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vouriziemoments.ca Fort Frie Times The Chicago Authority tribute band promises to give a "high-energy show" that celebrates the music of one of the world's top

> The nine-piece band from Western New York is set to make its Canadian debut at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, at 209 Ridge Rd. North in Ridgeway on Friday, April 1 at 8

Jack Prybylski, a saxophone player and flautist, said he and his fellow band members are looking forward to performing for the first time in Canada. "We we definitely love

Chicago tribute band performing at the Sanctuary that we get to play at the Authority include Ryan

Sanctuary and we hope to do performances at other venues in Canada.

"We were all for it," he said, adding it's a good time to be a Chicago tribute band with Chicago being inducted into Bock and Roll Hall of Fame

The Chicago Authority tribute band has been performing together for two years and the success the band has had so far is overwhelming," Prybylski bas known guitarist Rick Johnston since they were in high school.

"Rick Johnston and I were playing in a couple of other bands together. This is a project we had in mind for a great deal of time. When the last project we were involved with together ended, we felt that this must be the time for us to put this tribute band together." Prvbylski said. Everybody else, he

said, "just kind of fell into The members of Chicago

Gentner, vocals and guitar, Keith Spurlock, drums and vocals, Kenny Thomasula, vocals and percussion, Kacy Dolan, trumpet, Dave Herr, bass and vocals, Tom

Scime, keyboards and Jim Mauck, trombone The tribute hand will deliver a three-hour show with selections from all 36

Chicago albums. "We make the songs our own by putting our energy into them. At the same time, when people hear us, they're going to hear Chi-cago," Prybylski said. Performing in a tribute band is an honour for Prybylski,

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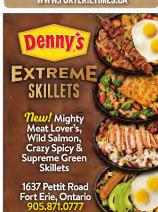
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Gordon's car was featured as part of The Canadian Motor Speedway display at The Toronto show. It's the car Gordon raced during his 93rd and final career win last November at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia during the Chase for The Championship.

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NASCAR racer Jeff Gordon's #24 final career-winning stock car made a pit stop at the site of the Canadian Motor Speedway last week. It's the same car he raced during his 93rd and final career win on Nov. 1, 2015 at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia during the Chase for The Championship.

Jeff Gordon's car makes a pit stop in Fort Erie

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Jack Shaws

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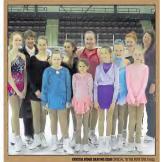
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Gaining competitive experience



Members of the Crystal Ridge Skating Club competed in the Futures Competition in Grimsby during the weekend of March 5 and 6. From left ac Sky Martin, coach Carol Arm Woodnalk, Adril Falsk, Kernedy Glasser, Lauryn Mowers, Emma Mowers, Corrina Renshaw, Isabella Aguilina, Shelby Burnison, Brianna Collison, Sadio Denham and coach Kristen Chadwick. Absent from the photo is Abigail Reed.



Fort Erie Ontario Provincial Baseball Champions

Our feature photo is the 1949 Juvenile Ontario Championship Team. Pictured are (from left, back) Shorty Seebach, president; Harry Armstrong, treasurer; John Leask, secretary; Wray Dunn, coach; Norm Locan, Ken Atwood, Terry Lainson, Marvin Seebach, Milf Zimmerman, coach; Pather Meyers, director; Jack McDermott, director; Jim Farrell, (front) Fred Plato, coach; Paul Babel, Reg Eden, Mickey McReynolds, Tony Fredd, Gerry Seebach, mascot; Pierre Pilote, Joe Griffi, Vince Feltrin, Ray Zimmerman, coach. Absent from the photo are Doug Fraser, Tom Shaw and Irvin McReynolds.

Snaw and Irvin McKeynolds.

As spring training gets underway for major league baseball
and we look forward to the season for our local teams, I would
like to congratulate the Fort
Erie Cannons for winning the
Ontario Senior Baseball Championship in 2015.

Baseball in Fort Erie had been pretty quiet since the great run of the Junior A champions in 1954 and the senior team winning the provincial championshin in 1976.

About 11 years ago Clayton Hall put together a group of young ball players and formed the Cannons. He continued to add new talent and every year became more competitive, playing out of the Niagara District

Baseball Association League. On Labour Day weekend in 2015, the provincial championship tournament was held in Wyoming with the Cannons winning in five games, the finals against their NBDA rivals from Merriton.

Clayton assures me that they will field a strong team again his season with the nucleus of the same club and bolstering the same pitching staff. This is a very good caliber of baseball and great entertainment for the whole family, so look for their upcoming schedule and catch some games for an inexpensive

evening out.
Looking back to the past years
when baseball was so important
to the town's sports entertainment, there were three teams
that won Ontario provincial
championships in consecutive
years that many of us have forgotten about. The midget team
in 1948, Iuvenile team in 1949
and intermediate team in 1950.
The midget and juvenile teams
had many of the same players,
moving up one year because of

The pitchers with the midgets and juveniles for both sea-



sons were Vince Felton and Pierre Pilote. Vince was not only an outstanding pitcher and hitter but also played on the infield. He also excelled in high school rack and field and basketball. Pierre at that age had not started playing hockey but when he did he quickly rose from the minor leagues to become the captain of the Chicago Black-bawks, winning the Stanley Cup

and the Norris Trophy as best

defenceman in the NHL. As well as the four coaches on

As well as the four coaches on the juvenile team, Milf and Ray Zimmerman, Wray Dunn and Fred Plato were on the 1950 intermediate B championship team. Take time to visit our sports museum at the Leisureplex Arena to see the memorabilia and stories about our local athletes and teams.

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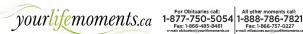
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GALLEY, John Phillip - Of Fort Erie passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Feb 29, 2018 at Mackenzie Health Hospital in Richmond Hill. His passing was a sudden one that united him with the love of his life, his wife Susan (Cowan). Son, Teacher, Husband, Father, Grandfather. He is survived by his two sons Robert Galley (Sue) and Ian Galley (Jacquit as well as his grandson Logan. He will be



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away peacefully, surrounded by his family at Welland County General Hospital on Saturday March 19, 2016 in his 77th year. He is now reunited with the love of his life Carole Brooks, loving daughter Debra Green and son in law Boner Hill Also predeceased by his parents Alfred and Bessie Brooks, mother and father in law Fredrick and Olive Lambert, brothers Jim, Altie and Tom. Also sisters Violet and Edith Much loved father of John (Melanie), Beth, Bonnie (Joe), Tammy (Carl), Bill (Tammy), Patty (George) and Melisa (David). Sadly missed by 14 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren. Remembered always by his brothers, sisters and many nieces and nenhews WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES 722 Ridge Rd. North. Ridgeway have been entrusted with arrangements John's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday March 23th. 2016 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate his life will be held in the chapel on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 11 o'clock Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may remember John by making donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association



30, 1924 - Passed away March 18, 2016 at Welland County General Hospital. Predeceased by husband, Richard in 2013. Mother of Urse, Gisela (Dennie), Henrietta Annelie (Charles) and Timothy. Dear grand-mother of Stefanie (Brett), Petrina (Bob). Cherl (Tom. deceased), Kirsten (Boris), Adrian (April), Katle (Marc) and Sara (Joey). Fondly remembered by great grandchildren Ethan & Cole, Hannah & Jake, Abbey & Alex, Evelyn and Maiva, Cremaentrusted to Niagara Funeral Atternatives

In Memoriams

Tony Peltzer In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, who passed away March 20, 2015

We often sit and think of him When we are all alone, For memory is the only friend That grief can call its own; Like ivy on the withered oak When other things decay Our love for him will still be green And never fade away

Lovingly remembered by John & Judy, Fran & Paul, Roger and Lena.



In Memoriams

In loving memory of a wonderful Husband & Father GILLES LACROIX October 11, 1960 - March 27, 2006 Ten years have passed since we lost you in my heart it still feels like yesterday I don't feel stronger I still feel lost and alone

The emptiness and sadness I live with everyday I feel like a shell of a person just going through the motions of life I miss feeling happy, safe and loved You made me feel all those things The happiest day of my life was the day

I became your wife Until we meet again my love Love always, Margaret ~ To Our Dad ~

We wish that we could see you Dad, For just a little while, We wish that we could hug you and see your lovely smile But wishing gets us nowhere, And longing is in vain.
So we will hold you in our hearts,
Until we meet again. Love Mathew and Michael



mory of a Dear Husband, Father and Papa who passed away 8 years ago Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008.

His smiling way and pleasant face Are a pleasure to recall, He had a kindly word for each And died beloved by all. Some day we hope to meet him. Some day we know not when, To clasp his hand in the better land. Never to part again.

We love and miss you Rita, Jean, Ginette, Linda, Marc and families XOXO

Graham / Mayberry In loving memory of my husband, Edward Graha m, 28, 1997 who passed away March 28, 1997 and my sister, Norma Mayberry, who passed away March 20, 2008. Sadly missed by June and Family.



Rosie (DeSantis) Zampaloni August 26, 1961 - March 24, 2015 memory of a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother

Oh please don't feel guilty It was just my time to go I see you are still feeling sad And the tears just seem to flow We all come to earth for our lifetime And for some its not many years And for some its not many years
I don't want you to keep crying
You are shedding so many tears
I haverit reality left you
Even though it may seem so
I have just gone to my heavenly home,
and I'm closer to you than you know Just believe that when you say my name, I'm standing next to you I know you long to see me But there's nothing I can do But I still send you messages

and hope you understand That when your time comes to crossover I'll be there to take your hand Always in our hearts Love Mom, Dad, Barbara & Family, Marga-ret & Family, Kevin, Jenna, Dylan & Family



WILLARD GEORGE KLAUCK In Loving Memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who left us on March 25, 2014.

In tears we saw you sinking, We watched you fade away Our hearts were almost broken You fought so hard to stay But when we saw you sleeping, So peacefully, free from pain, We could not wish you back. To suffer that again.

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JAMES WILKIE In Loving Memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away March 23, 2014 Even when I was at your side,

you went so fast I didn't have a chance, to say 'goodbye'. Your loving wife Barb and son, Bob

Cards of Thanks

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The family of the late Edward Gvarffy would like to thank the community for their outpouring of love and support on the possing of Edword on "Leop Doy".

The many gifts of food, flowers, proyers and good deeds done were much oppreciated. Special thanks to our fire department and EMS crews who speedily attended at our residence not once, but twice over the period of several weeks to render emergency core. And, to Benner Funeral Services for their kindness and professionalism in the end of life process. Special thanks to the Hogan Law firm for their ossistance.

From Camilla Gyorffy

Cards of Thanks

THANK

Cards of Thanks

My beloved son and wonderful daughter-in-law. Thank You both from the bottom of my heart for the 90th birthday party you both hosted. And to all my beautiful and handsome nieces and nephews and friends for such a wonderful day.

The food, the company, and the presents were superb. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless each and every one of you. Mom, Nan, aunty, and friend all strapped in one. from Verna Iamieson

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Bernie Steele Happy 90th Birthday!

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Thanks again. With Love and prayers, Ethol

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

In Memoriams

Remember Your



Minor hockey champions

The Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association held its year-end house league tournament on March 4,5 and 6 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. All of the league champions will represent Fort Erie at the Alliance House League Championships in London on April 1, 2 and 3.



The Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association recently made a donation of non-perishable food items to the food bank at Community Outreach Program Fire. Pictured are (from left) Anne Passero for COPE. Sean McCooey, the director of volunteer coordination and fundraising, James Collison, Derek Hepburn and Kalib Hepburn.





In Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey League action the Bantam teams played a round-robin between the Carstar Phantoms, the Glenny Insurance Stingers and the Miller's Auto Recycling Comets, with the Phantoms winning the championship game 3-0 over the Stingers.





In peewee action of the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey league, the South Coast Cookhouse peewees defeated the Little Caesars Orange Crush 5-2. The league's other peewee teams played a competitive consolation championship with Royal Lepage winning a shootout over Dean Demizio Insurance Agency.

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